

REMARKS

The present application was allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated June 3, 2004. Claims 1-21 remain pending, and have been allowed.

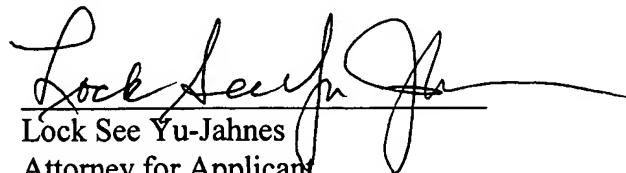
Claims 1, 8, and 15 were amended by Examiner's Amendment, as indicated in the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance. Those changes are reflected in the relevant claims set forth above.

This Amendment After Allowance proposes to amend Claims 1, 8, and 15 further to change the phrase "having an area larger than the area of a sheet to be printed and having an image beyond the boundary of the sheet", at lines 3 and 4 of the claims, to read -- having an image beyond the boundary of a sheet to be printed--. Applicant believes that the phrases "having an area larger than the area of a sheet to be printed" and "having an image beyond the boundary of a sheet to be printed" express the same concept and thus are redundant.

The proposed changes are not believed to raise new issues or require further search and/or consideration regarding patentability. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment.

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